

Claim Amendments

1. (previously presented) A method comprising the steps of:
storing, in a communication device, location information for one or more designated geographical areas;
determining, by the communication device, when the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas;
preventing activation of an audible incoming call indicator in the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas;
and
preventing one or more outgoing calls from the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is stored as one or more coordinates defining boundaries of the one or more designated geographical areas.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least some of the location information is stored for the duration of an event.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is transmitted to the communication device by an infrastructure of a communication system.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is transmitted to the communication device when the communication device enters a coverage area of a cell site and the one or more designated geographical areas are within the coverage area.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of preventing comprises switching the audible incoming call indicator to a vibrating incoming call indicator.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a message on a display for the communication device indicating that the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of informing the infrastructure when the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of intercepting calls intended for the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of sending missed call messages to the communication device for any calls received while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of determining, by the communication device, when the communication device is no longer within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas and automatically reactivating the audible incoming call indicator in the communication device when the communication device is no longer within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of determining, by the communication device, when the communication device is no longer within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas and informing the infrastructure when the communication device is no longer within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining comprises determining when the communication device travels above a predetermined speed and considering such travel to be one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

14. (previously presented) A method comprising the steps of:
transmitting, to a communication device, location information for one or more first designated geographical areas wherein use of audible incoming call indicators is restricted and location information for one or more second designated geographical areas wherein outgoing calls are restricted;

receiving, from the communication device, an indication that the communication device is within one of the one or more first and second designated geographical areas;

intercepting calls intended for the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more first designated geographical areas; and

intercepting calls made by the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more second designated geographical areas.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the location information is transmitted to the communication device when the communication device enters a coverage area of a cell site and one or more of the one or more first and second designated geographical areas are within the coverage area.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of sending missed call messages to the communication device for any calls received while the communication device is within one of the one or more first designated geographical areas.

17. (previously presented) A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising:
computer readable program code for storing location information for one or more designated geographical areas;

computer readable program code for determining when a communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas;

computer readable program code for preventing activation of an audible incoming call indicator in the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas; and

computer readable code for preventing one or more outgoing calls from the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

18. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, further comprising computer readable program code for receiving the location information from an infrastructure of a communication system.

19. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, wherein the computer readable program code for preventing activation of an audible incoming call indicator in the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises computer readable program code for switching the audible incoming call indicator to a vibrating incoming call indicator.

20. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, further comprising computer readable program code for displaying a message on a display for the communication device indicating that the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

21. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, further comprising computer readable program code for informing an infrastructure when the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

22. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, further comprising computer readable program code for determining, by the communication device, when the communication device is no longer within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas and automatically reactivating the audible incoming call indicator in the communication device when the communication device is no longer within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

23. (original) The computer-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 17, further comprising computer readable program code for determining when the communication device travels above a predetermined speed and considering such travel to be one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of preventing the one or more outgoing calls from the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises the step of:

allowing one or more outgoing calls to one or more emergency numbers while the communication device is within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of preventing activation of the audible incoming call indicator in the communication device while the communication device is within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises the steps of:

receiving an indication from an infrastructure that the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises one or more high traffic areas; and

preventing activation of the audible incoming call indicator in the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more high traffic areas.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of preventing the one or more outgoing calls from the communication device while the communication device is within the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises the step of:

receiving an indication from an infrastructure that the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises one or more high traffic areas; and

preventing one or more outgoing calls from the communication device while the communication device is within one of the one or more high traffic areas.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein one or more of the one or more first designated geographical areas comprise one or more first high traffic areas, wherein one or more of the one or more second designated geographical areas comprise one or more second high traffic areas, wherein the step of transmitting, to the communication device, the location information for the one or more first designated geographical areas wherein use of audible incoming call indicators is restricted and the location information for the one or more second designated geographical areas wherein outgoing calls are restricted comprises the steps of:

transmitting to the communication device, location information for the one or more first high traffic areas wherein use of audible incoming call indicators is restricted; and

transmitting to the communication device, location information for the one or more second high traffic areas wherein outgoing calls are restricted.